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A top secret project completed by the Magdeburg operation section of VEB Navigation Projects on river navigation and power plant installations in the Elbe River district on 10 August 1953, following orders which the SED, in coordination with the Soviet High Commission, had given to the State Secretariat, Shipping, was forwarded by Hess, acting chief of the State Secretariat, Shipping, to the Research Institute for Navigation, Hydrological and Geological Science for checking and, after being examined by Dr. Pusch (fnu), was submitted to the SED Central Committee.

the project which dealt with the completion of the expansion of the Saale River, the construction of a branch canal to Leipzig, the new construction of a junction canal to Stassfurt and the establishment of barrage dams and power stations on the Elbe River in East Germany and Czechoslovakia and was calculated for a construction period of 30 years, was planned to substitute for the canceled Ruegenhafen Project.

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